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agitating said first reservoir tube to mix said sample with said sample denaturing solution under conditions for denaturing said sample and binding said DNA or RNA to said sample collection assembly, thereby binding said DNA or said RNA to said sample collection assembly;

removing said wand from said first reservoir tube and inserting said wand into a second reservoir tube, said second reservoir tube containing a wash buffer;

securely and sealingly closing said second reservoir tube with said cap of said wand with said shaft and said sample collection assembly inside said second reservoir tube;

removing said wand from said second reservoir tube and inserting said wand into a third reservoir tube, said third reservoir tube containing an elution buffer;

incubating said third reservoir tube; and

recovering purified DNA or RNA from said third reservoir tube.

REMARKS

Claim 31 has been further amended to reflect that the sample denaturing solution is intended to release the nucleic acids for purification from cells or viruses and does not result in the denaturation of DNA or RNA. No new matter has been added.

Applicant's representative requests that the Examiner call her at (301) 924-9500 if the Examiner has any questions.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,